

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 472

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth Poirier**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring parental consent on sex education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Raymond T. Neary	6 Lantern Lane Medfield, MA 02052
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 521 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL CONSENT ON SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1   SECTION 1. 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition is hereby  
2   amended by striking out the section in its entirety and replacing it thereof with the following: —  
3   Any city, town or school district maintaining or implementing any curriculum, unit of study, school-  
4   sanctioned program or activity which involves sex education shall offer it only on an elective basis.  
5   Given five school days notice, prior review of said materials, as well as the questioning of teachers and  
6   administrators involved, will be extended to parents, guardians and/or their legal representatives. Written  
7   parent or guardian permission will be required for student participation. No public school teacher or  
8   employee who feels that such curriculum or activity violates his or her religious beliefs shall be required  
9   to participate in any way.